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In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: 2652

Examiner: David Donald DAVIS

FOR: HEAD DRUM ASSEMBLY FOR TAPE  
RECORDER AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING SAME

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit the attached Form PTO-1449, which may be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

In accordance with the waiver dated July 11, 2003, issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, copies of U.S. patents and published applications cited herein have been omitted since this application has been filed after June 30, 2003.

These documents were cited in an Office Action issued on April 5, 2005 from the Japanese Patent Office related to the above-identified U.S. Patent Application Serial No.

10/667,500. Also, for the Examiner's convenience, attached is a copy of the Japanese Office Action in which these documents were cited.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, but before an action that closes prosecution in the application. A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is being filed herewith (no fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) is required).

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents listed in the Form PTO-1449 in connection with the above-identified application and to return a copy of Form PTO-1449 to the Applicants with the Examiner's initials in the spaces provided.

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